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## **FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS KC MEN FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK FOLLOWING FOOT CHASE WITH COPS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were convicted by a federal jury today for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine.

**Ali M. Akbar**, 23, and **Angelo D. Dawson**, 19, both of Kansas City, were found guilty today of conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on June 11, 2003, in Jackson County, Mo.

The federal jury also found **Akbar** and **Dawson** guilty of aiding and abetting each other in the possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on June 11, 2003. Additionally, the federal jury also found **Akbar** guilty of possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on June 11, 2003.

The two-day trial began on Feb. 9, 2004. The jury began deliberations this morning and returned its verdict this afternoon to U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith.

The co-defendants were originally charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 10, 2003, in Kansas City. The original indictment was later replaced by a three-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 17, 2003, in Kansas City.

They were initially arrested on June 11, 2003, after law enforcement officers attempted to conduct a routine traffic stop on a vehicle driven by **Akbar**. **Dawson** was a passenger of the vehicle.

Law enforcement officers observed the vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign at 23<sup>rd</sup>

Street and Kansas Avenue in Kansas City. Although law enforcement officers attempted to stop the vehicle, **Akbar** continued to drive until finally stopping in a residential driveway, located at 3008 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Terr. At that time, **Akbar** and **Dawson** both exited the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot, Graves said. Shortly after, however, both co-defendants were apprehended.

A search of the co-defendants resulted in the discovery of several plastic bags containing crack cocaine, Graves said.

Under federal law, Graves explained, **Akbar** and **Dawson** each may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years, plus fines up to \$2 million. Their sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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